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SUBJECT: ECONOMIC COMMITTEE MEETING SEPTEMBER 6, 1973

SUMMARY: ECONOMIC COMMITTEE HELD MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 6

DEVOTED LARGELY TO FALL WORK PROGRAM. END SUMMARY.

1. ECONOMIC COMMITTEE MET SEPTEMBER 6. DANISH REP DISTRIBUTED A PROPOSED AGENDA (AGREED UPON IN COPENHAGEN BY EC AD HOC WORKING GROUP ON CSCE SEPTEMBER 3-4) FOR CSCE BASKET 2 SUB-COMMITTEES ON (A) COMMERCIAL EXCHANGES; (B) INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION AND PROJECTS OF COMMON INTEREST AND (C) SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (TRANSMITTED SEPT 6 TODAY). DANISH REP ALSO MADE BRIEF REPORT ON COPENHAGEN VISIT OF CEMA SECRETARY GENERAL ALONG LINES PREVIOUSLY REPORTED BY COPENHAGEN.

2. COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN SUMMED UP DOCUMENTATION FOR SEPTEMBER 10-11 ECONOMIC COMMITTEE MEETINGS ON CSCE AS FOLLOWS: AC/127-WP/364 (AUGUST 24) ON INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION; AC/127-WP/365 (AUGUST 7) ON EXPORT CREDITS; ED/EC/73/87 (AUGUST 30) SUMMARIZING ECE DOCUMENT E/ECE/844 ON INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION; AC/127-WP/358 (AUGUST 29) ON SOVIET INDEBTEDNESS; ED/EC/73/82 (REVISED)(AUGUST 3) LISTING SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY TOPICS; AC/127-WP/366 (SEPTEMBER 5) LISTING PREVIOUS NATIONAL DOCUMENTS.
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3. COMMITTEE AGREED THAT ITS SEPTEMBER 13 MEETING WOULD TAKE SECOND AND HOPEFULLY LAST LOOK AT AC/127-WP/361 (COMMUNIST AID AND TRADE IN LDC'S) AND AC/127-WP/363 (POLAND: ECONOMIC REVIEW) PRIOR TO TRANSMITTAL TO COUNCIL. COMMITTEE WILL ON SEPT-

EMBER 20 CONSIDER FOR FIRST TIME AC/127-WP/358 (SOVIET INDEBTED-NESS) FOR TRANSMITTAL TO COUNCIL.

4. CHAIRMAN PROPOSED EXPERTS' MEETING ON HUNGARY (AC/127-D/445) BE HELD OCTOBER 11, AND ON BULGARIA (AC/127-D/434) OCTOBER 12 IN ORDER TO FACILITATE ATTENDANCE BY EXPERTS. SECOND EXPERTS MEETING ON TRENDS OF DEFENSE EXPENDITURES OF COMMUNIST COUNTRIES WILL BE HELD OCTOBER 25-26 AS PREVIOUSLY DECIDED. DOCUMENTATION WILL BE ED/73/107 (AUGUST 1), ED/EC/73/79 (AUGUST 28 AND ED/EC/73/80 (JULY 27). CHAIRMAN SUGGESTED COMMITTEE PICK DATES IN NOVEMBER FOR ANNUAL REPORT ON NATO COUNTRIES' TRADE WITH COMMUNIST COUNTRIES; AT THE END OF NOVEMBER FOR REPORT ON CHINA (AC/127-D/432 AND AC/127-D/447) AND IN EARLY DECEMBER FOR ALBANIA (BASED ON DOCUMENT BEING PREPARED BY ITALY). ACTION REQUESTED: MISSION WOULD APPRECIATE PRIOR TO SEPTEMBER 13 MEETING ANY FURTHER COMMENTS WASHINGTON MIGHT WISH TO MAKE ON FIRST TWO DOCUMENTS REFERRED TO IN PARA 3, AS WELL AS PREFERENCES BY WASHINGTON EXPERTS ON DATES IN PARA 4. WE WOULD APPRECIATE PRIOR TO SEPTEMBER 20 MEETING WASHINGTON COMMENTS ON THIRD DOCUMENT REFERRED TO IN PARA 3. RUMSFELD.

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